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Dear Dr. Weed:

I hope this letter reaches you. Lou Baron confirmed you were leaving the Army (for Baltimore?) but I thought this the safest address.

Your letter of March 29 promised a longer to follow. I'm sorry I did not get to Cold Spring Harbor to see you in person instead, but this seems to leave things up in the air. I am sure no apologies are needed, and I am writing not to provoke these, but in hopes of hearing from you.

Over the weekend, the mail brought a couple of E. coli cultures (from the AMS), but with not the slightest indication what they were for. Did you have them sent?

What I would like to learn from you are your plans anent the publication and further work on your studies on the Cu effect. Unless you are planning to resume this work, and I gather you are going into clinical work instead, I think you should publish what you have, though I think that there would have to be considerable revision from the text of the ms. submitted to J. Bact. Or have you already taken steps in this direction?

I am more concerned about planning some genetic experiments with this kind of material. Unfortunately, as I wrote some time ago, I did not repeat your findings either with E-12, or with your strain of B. If you are sympathetic to our continuing the analysis, from the point of view of crossing behavior of the small colony mutants, I would appreciate it if you could send me your ~~Bacteriophage~~ and perhaps a small-colony derivative of it as well. There is no hurry, and I doubt we could get much work done this summer, but I wanted to get in touch with you again before you become too deeply immersed in your new problems.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg